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4	Wholesalers Only	Date info was delivered to each community satellite system _____
5	Public notification (PN) is included in the CCR to satisfy a monitoring violation, the fluoride secondary MCL, resolve a previous year's CCR violation, and/or participation in UCMR sampling.	Description of included PN(s) _____ _____ _____ (please copy district inspector, or person that issued the NOV if PN is included)

I hereby certify that the attached Consumer Confidence Report (and the included public notice(s) if applicable) was distributed by the method(s) listed above consistent with applicable requirements of OAC Rules 3745-96-04 and 3745-81-32, and that the information is correct and consistent with the compliance monitoring data submitted to the Ohio EPA.

David Maletich
 Signature of Responsible Official

Wayne County Care Center
 Name of Public Water System

David Maletich
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CCR for Calendar Year 2025

Phone 330-262-1786

Date 3-11-26

March 11, 2026

Dear Resident Family/Guardian and Staff,

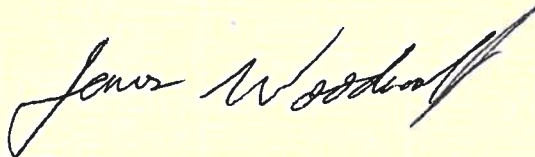
Wayne County Care Center operates a County water tower. Every Community Water System (CWS) must provide an annual water quality report to its customers. This report is called the Consumer Confidence Report (CCR). The CCR includes a variety of important information about the CWS, including the drinking water source, any monitored contaminants and whether the CWS meets State and Federal drinking water standards. The 2025 CCR for the Wayne County Care Center is available on the bulletin board in WCCC's lobby and online at:

<https://www.waynecountycarecenter.com/news>

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to call me at 330-262-1786.

Thank you for entrusting the Wayne County Care Center with your loved one.

Sincerely,



James Woodruff
Certified Supply Operator/Maintenance Director



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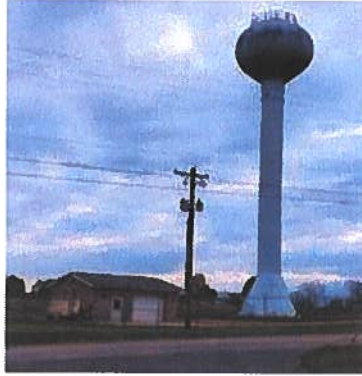
2025 Consumer Confidence Report

Is my water safe?

We are pleased to present this year's Annual Water Quality Report (Consumer Confidence Report) as required by the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA). This report is designed to provide details about where your water comes from, what it contains, and how it compares to standards set by regulatory agencies. This report is a snapshot of last year's water quality. We are committed to providing you with information because informed customers are our best allies.

Do I need to take special precautions?

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/Centers for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by *Cryptosporidium* and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Water Drinking Hotline (800-426-4791).



Where does my water come from?

The water supplied by this public water system comes from two water wells located to the west of the Care Center, off of Secrest Road. The Water is filtered and softened to approximately 100 mg/l hardness and then treated with chlorine for disinfection and phosphate for lead. In 2025, The Care Center had an unconditional license to operate this water system.

Source water assessment and its availability

The Ohio EPA conducted a source water assessment of all public water system sources in the State of Ohio. In summary, the report determined the aquifer that supplies drinking water to Wayne County Care Center has a low susceptibility to contamination because of:

- the presence of a thick protective layer of clay, sandstone and shale overlying the aquifer
- the significant depth (over 80 feet below ground surface) of the aquifer, and
- no evidence to suggest that ground water has been impacted by any significant levels of chemical contaminants from human activities.

This susceptibility means that under currently existing conditions, the likelihood of the aquifer coming contaminated is low. This likelihood can be minimized by implementing appropriate protective measures. This susceptibility analysis is subject to revision if new potential contaminant sources are sited within the protection area or if water sampling indicates contamination by a manmade contaminant source. The complete report is available to consumers. For further information concerning recent assessments, contact Dave Maletich at the Care Center 330-262-1786.

Why are there contaminants in my drinking water?

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791). The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity:

microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, that may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife; inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally occurring or result from urban storm water runoff, industrial, or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming; pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban storm water runoff, and residential uses; organic Chemical Contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban storm water runoff, and septic systems; and radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities. In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations that limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which must provide the same protection for public health.

How can I get involved?

Public Participation and comments are encouraged. To participate or for more information on your drinking water contact Dave Maletich at the Wayne County Care Center at 330-262-1786.

At home you can follow the water conservation and source water protections tips below. If you observe any leaks and running toilets that cause high water usage, report those to someone who can do the repair. Be aware of any changes you notice in the quality of your water (taste or odor) and report these concerns, so they can be addressed.

Description of Water Treatment Process

Your water is treated by filtration and disinfection. Filtration removes particles suspended in the source water. Particles typically include clays and silts, natural organic matter, iron and manganese, and microorganisms. Your water is also treated by disinfection. Disinfection involves the addition of chlorine or other disinfectants to kill bacteria and other microorganisms (viruses, cysts, etc.) that may be in the water. Disinfection is considered to be one of the major public health advances of the 20th century.

Water Conservation Tips

Did you know that the average U.S. household uses approximately 400 gallons of water per day or 100 gallons per person per day? Luckily, there are many low-cost and no-cost ways to conserve water. Small changes can make a big difference - try one today and soon it will become second nature.

- Take short showers - a 5-minute shower uses 4 to 5 gallons of water compared to up to 50 gallons for a bath.

- Shut off water while brushing your teeth, washing your hair and shaving and save up to 500 gallons a month.
- Use a water-efficient showerhead. They're inexpensive, easy to install, and can save you up to 750 gallons a month.
- Run your clothes washer and dishwasher only when they are full. You can save up to 1,000 gallons a month.
- Water plants only when necessary.
- Fix leaky toilets and faucets. Faucet washers are inexpensive and take only a few minutes to replace. To check your toilet for a leak, place a few drops of food coloring in the tank and wait. If it seeps into the toilet bowl without flushing, you have a leak. Fixing it or replacing it with a new, more efficient model can save up to 1,000 gallons a month.
- Adjust sprinklers so only your lawn is watered. Apply water only as fast as the soil can absorb it and during the cooler parts of the day to reduce evaporation.
- Teach your kids about water conservation to ensure a future generation that uses water wisely. Make it a family effort to reduce next month's water bill!
- Visit www.epa.gov/watersense for more information.

Source Water Protection Tips

Protection of drinking water is everyone's responsibility. You can help protect your community's drinking water source in several ways:

- Eliminate excess use of lawn and garden fertilizers and pesticides - they contain hazardous chemicals that can reach your drinking water source.
- Pick up after your pets.
- If you have your own septic system, properly maintain your system to reduce leaching to water sources or consider connecting to a public water system.
- Dispose of chemicals properly; take used motor oil to a recycling center.
- Volunteer in your community. Find a watershed or wellhead protection organization in your community and volunteer to help. If there are no active groups, consider starting one. Use EPA's Adopt Your Watershed to locate groups in your community or visit the Watershed Information Network's How to Start a Watershed Team.
- Organize a storm drain stenciling project with your local government or water supplier. Stencil a message next to the street drain reminding people "Dump No Waste - Drains to River" or "Protect Your Water." Produce and distribute a flyer for households to remind residents that storm drains dump directly into your local water body.

Significant Deficiencies

Wayne County Care Center (Tier 3 Monitoring Violation)

Subject: Failure to properly sample water quality parameters at the required frequency. During the January- June 2025 monitoring period, Orthophosphate was not sampled at the entry point every 14 days in the period between January 18, 2025, and February 7, 2025, and in the period between May 17, 2025, and June 5, 2025. Orthophosphate is required to be sampled at least once every two weeks (14 days) at the entry point. Violation Type 53; Violation ID; 8433875; Facility ID;8559621, Ohio Administrative Code (OAC)Rule 3745-81-87 (C)(2)(c).

Wayne County Care Center has corrected this violation by testing our Orthophosphate weekly at our entry point to comply with all monitoring periods throughout the year.

Wayne County Care Center (Tier 3 Public Notification)

Subject; Failure to meet requirements for Service Line Materials Notification.

The Wayne County Care Center public water system (PWS) failed to adequately provide notification of service line material that is known to or may potentially contain lead, to persons served, as required by 40 CFR 141.85(e) and 40 CFR 141.90(f)(4).

Wayne County Care Center is now aware that notifications have to go out on time and yearly until we have the opportunity to verify what line material is in question.

Additional Information for Lead

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. Wayne County Care Center is responsible for providing high quality drinking water but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>. (800-426-4791)

Water Quality Data Table

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations which limit the amount of contaminants in water provided by public water systems. The table below lists all of the drinking water contaminants that we detected during the calendar year of this report. Although many more contaminants were tested, only those substances listed below were found in your water. All sources of drinking water contain some naturally occurring contaminants. At low levels, these substances are generally not harmful in our drinking water. Removing all contaminants would be extremely expensive, and in most cases, would not provide increased protection of public health. A few naturally occurring minerals may actually improve the taste of drinking water and have nutritional value at low levels. Unless otherwise noted, the data presented in this table is from testing done in the calendar year of the report. The EPA or the State requires us to monitor certain contaminants less than once per year because the concentration of these contaminants do not vary significantly from year to year, or the system is not considered vulnerable to this type of contamination. As such, some of our data, though representative, may be more than one-year-old. In this table you will find terms and

abbreviations that might not be familiar to you. To help you better understand these terms, we have provided the definitions below the table.

Contaminants	MCLG or MRDLG	MCL, TT, or MRDL	Detect In Your Water	Range		Sample Date	Violation	Typical Source
				Low	High			
Disinfectants & Disinfection By-Products								
(There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants)								
Chlorine (as C12) (ppm)	4	4	1.5	1.4	1.5	2025	No	Water additive used to control microbes
TTHMs [Total Trihalomethanes] (ppb)	NA	80	33	32.6	32.6	2025	No	By-product of drinking water disinfection
(VOC)								
Volatile Organic contaminants								
Ethylbenzene (ppb)	700	700	0.3	.3	.3	2025	No	Discharge from petroleum refineries
Xylenes (ppb)	10	10	.08	.08	.08	2025	No	Discharge from petroleum refineries
Styrene (ppb)	100	100	.03	.03	.03	2025	No	Petroleum and natural gas by-product
Inorganic Contaminants								
Barium (ppm)	2	2	.0226	.0226	.0226	2025	No	Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits
Nitrate [measured as Nitrogen] (ppm)	10	10	1	.94	.945	2025	No	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits
Selenium (ppb)	50	50	3.3	3.3	3.3	2025	No	Discharge from petroleum and metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits; Discharge from mines.
Fluoride (ppm)	4	4	.09	.09	.09	2025	NO	Water, dental products ,food .coffee, food sources
Contaminants	MCLG	AL	Your Water	Sample Date	# Samples Exceeding AL	Exceeds AL	Typical Source	
Inorganic Contaminants								
Copper - action level at consumer taps (ppm)	1.3	1.3	.169	2025	0	No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits	

Contaminants	MCLG	AL	Your Water	Sample Date	# Samples Exceeding AL	Exceeds AL	Typical Source
Lead - action level at consumer taps (ppb)	0	15	1.4	2025	0	No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits

Unit Descriptions	
Term	Definition
ppm	ppm: parts per million, or milligrams per liter (mg/L)
ppb	ppb: parts per billion, or micrograms per liter (µg/L)
NA	NA: not applicable
ND	ND: Not detected
mg/L	mg/L: Milligram per liter
NR	NR: Monitoring not required but recommended.

Important Drinking Water Definitions	
Term	Definition
MCLG	MCLG: Maximum Contaminant Level Goal: The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.
MCL	MCL: Maximum Contaminant Level: The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.
TT	TT: Treatment Technique: A required process intended to reduce the level of contaminants in drinking water.
AL	AL: Action Level: The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.
Variances and Exemptions	Variances and Exemptions: State or EPA permission not to meet an MCL or a treatment technique under certain conditions.
MRDLG	MRDLG: Maximum residual disinfection level goal. The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.
MRDL	MRDL: Maximum residual disinfectant level. The highest level of disinfectant is allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.
MNR	MNR: Monitored Not Regulated
MPL	MPL: State Assigned Maximum Permissible Level
VOC	VOC: Volatile Organic Contaminants: Organic compounds are organic chemicals that have high vapor pressure at room temperature. High vapor pressure correlates with a low boiling point, which relates to the number of sample molecules in the surrounding air, a trait known as volatility.

For more information, please contact: Dave Maletich Wayne County Care Center Administrator
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Lead Service Line Inventory Statement

“Our distribution system has no lead, galvanized requiring replacement, or lead status unknown service lines. To determine this, we used the following resources: Architect plans, Blueprints, Visual inspections, Mechanical excavation.